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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
AKIHIKO NODA)
Application No.: 09/579,503)
Filed: May 30, 2000)
For: PRINTING METHOD)
HAVING AUTO RETREAT)
FUNCTION OF PRINT)
DATA AND MEDIUM FOR)
STORING PROGRAM FOR)
EXECUTING THE)
PRINTING METHOD)

Examiner: J. Foster
Group Art Unit: 2624
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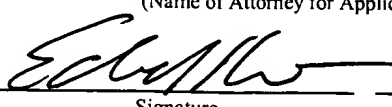
AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2004, the period for
response to which having been extended to May 2, 2004 by the accompanying Petition For
Extension Of Time with fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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